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Naval Board of Design.

responsibility for defects in the design, arrangement at the very best. return to their hobby.

from a monopoly of the responsibility partments. All the advisory assistance of design or equipment. It is evidently the combined skill and joint achievements of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, the board of construction, and the naval general board, aided by suggestions received from various sources, including the line officers who serve on the vessels. The board on construction, indeed, has a majority of line officers, and its head is Rear Admiral G. A. Converse, retired, an officer of distinguished service, much practical experience, and ripe judgment. The present system of designing ships of war is as complete and efficient as can be offered by a so-called special board of design, composed, as has een suggested, of officers who are not on duty with the Navy Department bu-There would be just as many ever been laid at the door of the derided

bureau system. It is possible under the present system for the ships of war to have all the characteristics in the way of protection, armament, speed, and endurance which are deemed necessary by line officers who use the ships at sea, and if this is not the case now, it takes only a scratch of the make it so. What the Navy Department needs is an end to the tiresome bickering among those naval officers who have been led into excessive ardor as chronic reformers. The fewer consulting boards the Secretary of the Navy has to ness, the more efficient and effective will be his administration.

reach the jumping-off place sooner or later.

Chinese Exclusion in Practice.

The problem of Chinese exclusion is confessedly the most vexatious with which the Bureau of Immigration has to deal. Commissioner General Sargent throws up both hands, figuratively speaking, in that part of his annual report devoted to discussion of the enforcement of the exclusion laws. To secure really effective says, it is absolutely essential to do somepedient to make arrests in the interior, has been lost can be, in part at least, quickly reand especially in the East. Why? Be- gained if the people of the South will act promptly cause public sentiment takes the side of, and in the right direction." the Chinese, "The Chinese," says the Com- The Southern people are intensely emomissioner General, "cultivate the friend- tional; this keen-witted demagogues have ship of their white neighbors, and there discovered time and again to their great is apparently never any difficulty in en- advantage-but not to the South's. It is listing hosts of influential citizens in their easy to convince them that they have defense whenever a government official been wronged. Being hot-blooded and indicates any intention to resort to a war- excitable, they are, as is invariably the rant of arrest." For every Chinaman who rule among such people, as quick to right is arrested, two or three slip across the a wrong as they are to resent an insult-

siders the failure of the exclusion laws, warfare against the great interests losuggests the revolutionizing of the exclusion policy by negotiating a "treaty with mitted to go to the extreme length of Committee in designing Denver as the performances of gesticulation and facial other classes the rights and privileges of the subjects of the most favored nation." This would harmonize the Chinese exclusion policy with the plan of Japanese exclusion, and place the Chinese on an equality with the Japanese in respect of rights of travel and residence in this country. Mr. Sargent's suggestion goes carpet-baggers, the South was suspicious But still more unfortunate was the disbeyond the recommendations on the sub-ject in the annual report of Secretary alarm the invasion of Northern and East-undisguised commercialism, the harkening convention instead of a sensational, spec-tacular show shall prevail, we may hope Straus, but it is significant of the changing official view as to the method of enand treatics should be changed so as to would come to an absolute standstill; not to be found in a body representing the ruption. make admission the rule and exclusion and it knows this without necessarily Democracy of the country. the exception, instead of the reverse, as denying to itself any of the wrongs incinow. Through both reports there runs dent to the establishment of these big in not giving full confidence to an orthe belief that some concession will have systems that may have been inflicted ganization which puts forward as its to be made to Chinese pride and self-respect in view of the rising tide of Chinese
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the South, have arisen from time to time
other claim to prominence than pernicious
to the live-stock show and study good nationality and the adverse effect of our the South, have arisen from time to time. other claim to prominence than permissions activity on the shady side of politics: We exclusion policy on our trade with the Each has had to submit to much, it may shall have small hope of Democratic suc Orient. Mr. Sargent's account of the in all fairness be said. If neither has cess until there is a decided change in operation of the Chinese exclusion laws been blameless, however, it does not fol- this respect, no matter who may be the gives the impression that the application low that the co-partnership between the Presidential nominee or what the platof similar legislation to the Japanese im-migration problem would be an act of been altogether bad, or is impossible in badly taken. It has shown that the bot-bed.

part to prevent the entrance of laborers. remedied. t is now by deporting them.

keep her coolies at home that may throw geese that lay its golden eggs. some light on China's capacity in the

Over in Germany, according to one of a kangaroo a "lattengitterwetterkotterthe kangaroo a more popular topic of con-...\$4.80 per year versation in Germany than tariff revision is in the present Congress of the United

The Washington Schools.

Assuming that sentiment in Congress s such that there will inevitably be a change in the system of school manage newspaper, whether for the daily or the not try to get along without a board of other man of him. education altogether?

Logically, the schools should be under the supervision of the Board of District the Houston Post to discover the balance Commissioners, Senators and Represent- of his library in Grandoldtexas. atives who actively interested themselves in securing the passage of the present law are now rapidly coming to realize that fact. The plan evolved by a former a demonstrated failure in practice.

But if the Commissioners are again to There are renewed evidences of the ef- be invested with authority over the fort to establish a board of design in the schools, why encumber the system with Navy Department. Much is now made another board? As well have a board by the advocates of this project of the of police commissioners or a board of reply of the Chief Constructor of the Navy fire commissioners or a board of health Presidential boom. to the critics who have been attacking under the Board of District Commissionthe Bureau of Construction and Repair and ers. One board supervising or directing the board of construction for its alleged another board must be an impracticable

construction, and equipment of our ships | We quite agree with Representative of war. These criticisms range from mi- Smith, chairman-elect of the House Disnor details to the most important char- trict Committee, that the Commissioners acteristics of the vessels, and the Chief are competent; and we further believe entire Atlantic fleet anchored in our deep-constructor of the Navy undertook in his that they have the time to keep a direct-water basin," says an Alabama contemannual report to defend the system of ing supervision over the schools. But the ship design, although with no better ef- system should be simplified. Give the fect, it appears, than that of exciting Commissioners authority to appoint and those in favor of a board of design to a remove a superintendent or commissioner of education, and we venture the opinion cial question to the White House via the At present the design of naval ships that they will find the right man, just phonograph route. appears to be accomplished by no one as they have been fortunate in the selec officer or single bureau. There is far tion of the heads of other important denecessary might easily be had from the necessary might easily be had from the Bureau of Education, through its chief, Richmond Times-Dispatch. If that sort of who is a government officer.

The personnel of our boards of educa tion has uniformly been high. The per- telegraph all such communications in the sonnel of the present board is no exception to the general rule. But the results have been uniformly disappointing, or simplified and centralized plan? We do tion. not believe it involves experimentation. We feel sure it will work, and work satis-

factorily. Let Congress try it and see.

"I am just as much of a Senator as actly the correct idea. Platt and Depew," says the new Senator from Arkansas. It is just possible that Mr. Davis might have beamed resplendently as a professor of mathematics had in front of the other fellow. defects in ships of war designed by this his inclinations not led him toward politics.

The Splendid South.

Symptoms of returning sanity in the South, so far as recent unreasoning as- them. saults upon railroads and other legitimate corporate interests are concerned, is one of the gratifying signs of the times. The calm, dispassionate press of that pen of the Secretary of the Navy to section is growing more optimistic daily, and it is only the political or semipolitical organs that are now engaged in

It is gratifying to all who are intertie his hands and multiply official busi- ested in the South-and who in this nation is not interested in that great and mighty section nowadays?-to note the dawn of politics would lose its most amusi a more promising day. If from the past By steadily moving West, doubtless, the riot of cheap politics comes a better and tice" outlawed. Democratic national committee hopes to a saner understanding of the South's have been sacrificed in vain. That the ever since on the city pay roll. The tax signal, "Brakes on," has been sounded by payers doubtless will view this as some the people is indicative of knowledge upon their part that the time has come to stop the clamor and look to the honest necessities of the hour.

ord:

"It is very safe to say that the demagogues who have led in agitation against railroads and other enforcement of the exclusion policy, he cost the South more than the entire value of this corporations have in the last six or seven months year's cotton crop. The South could well have thing which is practically impossible- afforded to lose its whole cotton crop, worth \$800;namely, to deport all Chinamen who have 600,000, to have been saved from the destruction no right to be in the country. Nearly all which has been wrought by the agitator. Vast as blood becomes more attenuated the Chinese deported are arrested on the shrinkage in securities, the South's resources are so European royalty. border. It has not been considered ex- great, so limitless for future development, that what

border and remain in the country un- as ready to do justice to others as they are to demand it for themselves. It was Mr. Sargent, impressed by what he con- not thinkable, therefore, that unreasoning cated in the South should have been perout from under the frightful rule of the parties.

as good results from Japanese control of extremists be held in check now, that migration as from any attempt on our the evil they have already done may be

At all events, Mr. Sargent appears to Railroad baiting and peanut politics think it would not be more difficult to have latterly gone entirely too far down keep out Chinese coolles by treaty than in Dixie. Carried away by an excess of zeal engendered in the hour of an almost Our exclusion laws, however, have been universal radicalism, the demagogues eminently successful in preserving us have inflicted a painful and a gaping from any considerable invasion of Chinese | wound upon the material progressiveness laborers. There are but 70,000 Chinese in of the South. The Southern people are the country, and only 961 were newly ad- opening their eyes to the fact that the mitted during the last fiscal year, not demagogues have merely been up to their including those who came in surreptitious- old tricks-that the filling of the offices ly. As 30,000 Japanese arrived during the has been the main object in view all the same period, and the number of arrivals time. This being true, we look for a is reported to be increasing, we shall speedy relegation to the rear of the agitasoen have a test of Japan's ability to tors. The South is not going to kill the

If from the brief reign of the demagogue comes a clear vision of conditions and affairs about them, the people of the ur best-beloved contemporaries, they call South may have gained something, as the case will then stand. Surely, it must be pleasing to every one to think that the awakening has not been postponed too long.

> "I am a stock market wolf," says Tom Lawson; as a number of innocent and edges, and evolves an article that costs overcredulous Red Riding Hoods in this like fury, and is of no use to anybody, country, doubtless, have discovered long but is certainly very handsome, indeed.

It is truly wonderful how a pie diet imment in the District of Columbia, why It has been known to make almost an-

Noah's diary has been discovered in

"An Indiana man lived to be ninety years old without ever consulting a dotor," says the Spokane Spokesman-Re view. That's all right, in isolated cases Congress, so attractive in the theory, is but if every layman practiced such a thing, the poor doctors would all die of starvation in early manhood.

Up to this writing, only 2,596 newspaper writers have coupled up an editorial in The Washington Herald headed "The Music of the Hammer" with the Foraker

rags, we are no longer at a loss to ac count for the erstwhile popularity of the President remains silent on the subject." "We dreamed last night we saw th

Since we have learned that a certain

cheap grade of whisky is made from old

porary. My, my, what terrific visions this prohibition prospect does conjure up! Doubtless Gov. Vardaman will be invited to forward his views on the finan

"An Ohio prisoner came within an ace of being executed because the governor had mailed the commutation papers thing is habitual with the governor doubtless the prisoners wish he would

Unfortunately, Mr. Loeb appears to have thoughtlessly transposed the finannearly so. Then is it not time to try a cial flurry and the final Great Renuncia-

future, even "collect."

The Montgomery Advertiser's movement it might appear, at first blush. If it proposes to abolish them, plate by plate, tenderly and correctly stewed, it has ex

Another thing a number of people would like to see abelished is the poker chip that refuses to stack anywhere except

is that they do not stack well, so Treas ury officials say. So far as the average man is concerned, that is immaterial; he doesn't get a chance to stack many of

According to the Portland Oregonian a man out that way catches catfish in stove pipe. Just drops them a pipeline when he is in need of a fresh supply we suppose

By this time, we suspect, Jimmie Hyde an effort to further a work of destruc-tion that has already cost the South very give him a million not to come back than let him come back for a million.

> "Profession without practice is profitless as a pistol without powder, says the Baltimore American. Still. feature were "profession without prac-

needs, perhaps the loss it has sustained to clear the snow from the sidewalks of and the trained nurse." by reason of the demagogues may not Chicago appear to have been carried thing more in the nature of a cold deal politics forever. than a square deal.

"There is one smile that is bradded on, Says the Baltimore Manufacturers' Reclanta Georgian. How else is it to be kept on in Georgia, with January 1 hovering on the horizen?

> Sweden's new King is said to be some thing of a reactionary and not possessed of his father's broad catholicism and democratic inclinations. We expected to hear as much; the sturdy Bernadotte as it mingles with that of the ancient Altogether Desirable, but Can It Be

"Regarding the report that he is to resign from the President's Cabinet, Secretary Cortelyou said: 'That is another says short and ugly terms here!

Many a ten-twenty-thirty-cents statesused to playing week stands at home, has found, after his first performance, in Congress, that he isn't even a be permitted." one-night success in Washington.

ONE DISGUSTED DEMOCRAT.

Denver Bad Beginning. the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

China by which that country will agree absolute destruction. Primarily, doubt- place for the convention is a geographical contortion. Still, it is hard to see how to keep at home her coolie class and the less, the South had some just and proper and political blunder, particularly the these conditions could be changed without cause of complaint against these inter- latter. However the center of population smaller halls for the convention and a ests referred to. The mighty railroad may be moving westward, Colorado is limitation on the number of those adsystems, for instance, were not estab- still well out on the periphery of the vot- mitted. lished throughout that section without ing strength of the country, and is still With an immense auditorium and a great expenditure of money, and in the farther away from the currents of thought crowding mass of curious sight-seers, it careful attention to the package, the croed cross sight-seers, it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight-seers it careful attention to the package, the cross sight sight-seers it careful attention to the package i face of much political opposition. Just and event which mold the destinies of is useless to expect anything like the

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

HUBBY'S REWARD,

He buys for her A handsom fur Which takes a lot of dough And stands him in The real tin Four hundred plunks or so.

But what of this? His wifey's kiss Pays him for vanished rocks, And he beside At Christmastide

Will get a pair of socks. He Could Improve It. "I went to the theater last night." What did you see?"

'A play called 'Hamlet.' "Fair; only fair. A good, lively sextet rould do it a world of good." Christmas Presents.

"My wife turns out some very hand ome Christmas presents." 'What's her method?" "Well, she takes a bunch of nothing, gilds it, lines it with silk, scallops the edges, and evolves an article that costs

A Friend's Advice.

"Some day I'll wake up and find myself "Yah!"

"What's that?" "You'd better keep on dreaming."

Economy. I skimp on coal, I skimp on clothes

For both myself and wife. I skimp on food, and goodness knows I lead the skimple life.

Soreness in Pinnkville. "Hello, Kurnel!"

"Kurnel, is it? You call me kurnel, and yet you voted agin me. What's the use of bein' a kurnel if a man can't git elected hogreeve of a little piffling burg like this collection of huts what calls it-

How About This? will they ever do so?"

The Apparel and the Man. "Have you an opening for a heavy

"Nix." "Sir, do you know that I wear the mantle of Kemble?" "You look it. Git yourself a new fur vercoat and I might talk to you."

TAMPERING WITH TRIFLES.

From the Houston Post.

tragedian?

POOR SANTA.

They're talkin' up the hard times, An' shops are shuttin' down, An' failures every day or two Are startlin' of the town; And I've a sort of notion, An' it makes my soul forlor 'here'il be rows o' empty stockin's Hangin' limpsy Christmas morn

There'll be rows o' empty stockin's When the dawn is in the sky. There'll be little folks a-askin' Why Ol' Santa Claus went by, An' they'll need a sight o' tellin' Of how Santa came to fail, Fore they'll try to blink their tears back Understandin' of the tale.

ain't sorry none fer Wall street Where its felt the grindin' squeeze, ain't sorry for the gamblers That are crowded to their knees, ain't sorry for the bankers Not to no extent at all, That the hardest blow will fall

For the men who kept the stores That have gone an' put their shutters up. An' gone an' closed their doors; for it means more people idlin' An' a-mopin' round forlorn, And it means more empty stockin's In the cold, gray Christmas morn.

ain't dug down none fer reasons I don't care much fer the cause, am busy of sympathizin With good old Saint Santa Claus: Fer I know how he'll be feelin', When next Christmas mornin' clears, At the thought o' empty stockin's An' o' wee eyes full o' tears

Last but Not Least. "Henpeck doesn't look very joyful over the advent of the stork."

'No, he has three women bossing him about now; his wife, his mother-in-law, Hard to Decide.

"Marse Henry says he is going to quit "Is that a threat or a promise" Guilty.

"She is suing her husband for breach of promise." "Her husband? I never heard of such thing!"

"Before marriage he promised her verything her heart desired and now he refuses to let her obtain a divorce.

A SANE CONVENTION. Brought About?

The Washington Herald "would like to see one sane convention held solely for the Kansas City Times, the purpose of transacting the serious No mollycoddlish dodging of business in hand, and not for the amusement or entertainment of a great throng of spectators," and it goes on to say that "nowhere else in the world would the conditions that have existed here for decades

Our great national party conventions have undoubtedly been too much of both a mob and a circus, and the gravest and most important matters in which the peo-Norfolk Editor Thinks Choice of ple have a voice have taken place in a hubbub of confusion, where the proceedings were almost inaudible and the speak-

quiet and order necessary for dignity and slipped to the sidewalk with a crash, clear hearing and understanding, but if beyond the recommendations on the sub- and, we doubt not, inclined to view with cussion which preceded the decision. The this movement for a sane and intelligent man, painfully embarrassed, "that was convention instead of a sensational, spec- just one of two bottles of beer I was ern capital. The South knows to-day, after funds to handle, so cynically prohowever, as well as it knows anything, claimed by men of the stamp of Taggart, sized halls, with a limited attendance of forcing the exclusion of Oriental laborers, that but for these great railroad systems Stone, and Tom Johnson, betokened a visitors, and under conditions that will Mr. Straus' idea is that present laws progress and prosperity in that section contempt of public opinion which ought insure the minimum of disorder and inter-'A safe and sane" convention is not a bad idea.

From the Chicago Inter Ocean

breeding where it can be found at its

An Ancient Tale.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. One of the Senate committees has just discovered that the Indian is being rob-bed. The Indian and his white neighbor "Is it? Pardon u

CAPITOL GOSSIP.

Senator William P. Frye, of Maine, who was recently re-elected president pro tem. From the Norfolk Landmark of the Senate, has held that office for a



lina, was president pro tem, eight times, but only four of his From the Pittsburg Dispatch. terms were consecu of Alabama, Solomon D. Foot, of serving his seventh

Senator Frye is now will the line stretch ad infinitum? From the New York American consecutive term, and bids fair to increase his lead should the Sixty-first Congress ries, and in its splendid isolation needs That should convince the people at large Republican in more ships to hold our Western seas. And that Mr. Knox, although a conservative, political complexion, it goes calmly and with friendly front to is keen to prosecute the evildoer, no matfor there is no more popular Senator of say to the people of the world that his political faith in the body.

America knows how to build and man a he may be. his political faith in the body. Senator Frye has twice been acting navy, and that she intends henceforth to Vice President of the United States, hav- keep the peace of nations by being and we do not anticipate any duli times,

ing succeeded to the presidency of the Senate upon the death of Hobart during From the Philadelphia Press. McKinley's first administration, and likeupon the death of McKinley.

Senator from Maine could not be desired, and although, as Mr. Frye remarked in his speech of acceptance the other tem. one more of honor than of activity, the interests of no Senator suffer when Mr. Frye is in the chair.

Representative "Nick" Longworth, after the House adjourned yesterday, strolled over to the Senate and settled into an closely, and when Senator Tillman arose to begin his speech on the financial Situation and the government relief meas-"People are implored to shop early. But so that he could command a full view to the peaceful intentions of the United of the South Carolinian, and gave un-"I fear not. At least, not while the divided attention to the Senator's remarks. Senator Tillman made some rather uncomplimentary references to the ways not now dreamed of. If there face did not change, nor did any indi- aspect of the voyage. cation of his feeling with regard to the speech escape him during its progress.

Asher Hinds, parliamentary clerk of ignated as the Speaker's private diningthe Speaker, was Sir Courteney libert, House of Commons. During the luncheon the question of Speaker Cannon's boom for the Presidency was brought up. The explain all about it to the Englishman.

Speaker, "before the committees are an- of any breaking of that peace. Indeed, nounced, there is always a pleasant and if the words of Washington be true, that continuous insistence that the Speaker to be prepared for war is one of the and commission merchant of New York, would make an excellent President of the this manifestation of militant preparation United States. That boom for me has should fix an impregnable seal upon this been given a great impetus so far this nation's peace for years to come. session, but I will wait until after the committee announcements have been made before I take it seriously."

The fact remains, however, that many of the members who are already assured that their committee assignments will From the New York Journal of Commerc not be so bad after all are still ardent

among his constituents is a stove manufacturer.

Recently the stove man received a let-It runs thus:

another man's, you loose to me my trade and I am very angry for dat and now I tell you dat you are a damphool and no goods, I send you back at once our stove to-morrow in Jean Le Caulline.

Jean Le Caulline. P. S .- After I write you dis letter I find de feet in

de oven. Excuse me.

After the adjournment of the House ing, of Ohio, went Christmas shopping- bility than the employment of official March." in the House stationery room. He was power and influence to sway the action asked why he preferred shopping there. to draw on the stock up to a certain be, and to undertake by the power of his amount, and as you know the stringency office to control the political organizain the money market has caused a decline in ready money for Christmas. You cation of his choice falls little short of see, I can order my presents without any setting himself up as a dictator. If his of his most chemished projects. Grain is happy.'

The Hon. Alexander Stevens Clay, Georgia's efficient and hard-working junior worse and more closely allied with an United States Senator, is a prohibitionist effort to perpetuate his own hold upon and a temperance advocate. Not a office. fanatic by any means, he is earnest in his beliefs. Yet he doesn't mind impressing them in a dignified manner upon those with whom he comes in contact. Not long ago the Senator met a youthful acquaintance, a newly-wed, by the way, on Fourteenth street. The young man had a neat and carefully wrapped Indian vote, to pass a Poor Lo car bill. adian Northern until the line from Portage under his right arm; not a suspicious-looking package, but one which he contrived to keep from the Senatorial gaze. In the midst of their conversation. unfortunately, the young man relaxed his

"You see, Senator," said the young carrying home. My wife and I each our digestion, you know.' "Ah," said the Georgia solon, "I see."

Then, with a merry twinkle in his eye he added: "Of course, that was your wife's bottle you dropped.' The young man blushed-but he saw the Senator's point.

Some of the visitors at the Capitol are there to see things, and they see them. A gentleman and lady, by accident, got into the Supreme Court robing room. They went to the further end before they were noticed. A watchman walked up to them with"You are not allowed in here; it is

folly, and that it is reasonable to expect the future. It is only necessary that the tom' rail is on top in the party councils. have known it for more than 400 years. thing, anyway. Thank you. Good day."

THE SAILING OF THE FLEET.

Newspaper Comment on the Voyage to the Pacific.

President Roosevelt deserves the highest did any of his pred- fer of the battle ships to the Pacific Coast ecessors. John Gail- was just a personal whim of his own. We lard, of North Caro- are convinced that there were very grave reasons of state, which were wisely with heid from publication.

> Admiral Coghlan, in post-prandial conand Pacific in order to obtain the building of a new Atlantic fleet. Then will that fleet

that the republic in its magnificent coast magnificently prepared for defensive war.

McKinley's first administration, and like-wise when Roosevelt became President less momentous effects. It has awakened hearty support of the party if nominated, a deep public interest in our fleet nothing A more ideal presiding officer than the else could achieve. Both national conventions will approve the cruise. It commits our naval policy to an equal fleet on each ed in his speech of acceptance the other ocean. Where sixteen to twenty battle day, Vice President Fairbanks' fidelity to ships have been our limit this cruise and duty makes the position of president pro a battle ship fleet for each ocean makes thirty-five to forty battle ships our future need. Without this cruise we might have ceased to hold our present place as the come a candidate, notwithstanding his second naval power in the world.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger, That the men of the navy will acquit armchair: He followed the proceedings the confident hope of the nation. Ameriby the entire world, not because of any win by a larger majority than ever beures the President's son-in-law turned misgivings on the part of the powers as fore. States, but because it will be a supreme gress. There will be no central bank or and efficiency, a test the outcome of be no parcels post law. We will pass which will affect the national position in annually an appropriation of \$50,000,000 for Chief Executive, but Mr. Longworth's ground for anxiety at all, it is in this

From the New York Tribune. Nor is the circumstance devoid of unique significance that in conception, in ed its hearers to involuntarily join the the House, a few days ago entertained purpose, and in expected execution, this genial member, was in town yesterday, a party of friends in the apartment des- is a purely peaceful voyage. The other famous sailings which we have recalled. room. Among the guests, in addition to and the others still which might be recalled, were distinctly belligerent. The has taken issue with Collector Stone, of the clerk of the Speaker of the British great voyage of our own Oregon, over Baltimore, who is reported to be working substantially the same course that this day and night for the Cortelyou "boomfleet is to pursue, but in reverse direction, let." Mr. Wachter has split the Repub was undertaken to meet a fierce emer- lican organization in Maryland, particugency of impending conflict. But here is larly Baltimore, by taking the Cannon gentleman from Illinois took occasion to the most powerful military movement of end of the business, while the Stone its kind in human history undertaken in a forces believe in the strength of Cortel-"In every new Congress," said the time of profound peace, with no thought, you. most effectual means of preserving peace, who is staying at the Raleigh, said last

NO DICTATION WANTED.

Choice of Successor Not a Part of President's Business.

The President of the United States has an importance of its own and becoming supporters of the Speaker's boom. There is more constitutional right, no more an industry of itself. Maine farmers are is much talk in the cloak-rooms that he moral right, no more right in official realizing that in their orchards they have would make a formidable candidate. The honor and in fidelity to the people, to a source of revenue equal to, if not fact that he is considerably older than use his power over the public service or exceeding, any other department of the many of the other candidates does not his influence over the public mind to farm. During the past few years the seem to militate against him, and there determine who his successor shall be consumption of apples in foreign counare many who believe that it will stand than he has to employ the same means to insure his own continuance in office. fifteen or twenty years ago, there are "Cannon and Hughes" is the slogan in There may be the same plausible ex- carloads now. me quarters. Many, though, who think cuses for the effort. He may so identify New York's governor would do well as the policies he believes in and has sought foreign market which must draw the policies he believes in and has sought foreign market which must draw to promote with the well-being and American apples, and so great is the de-Dr. Andrew Jackson Barchfeld, Rep. safety of the country that he deems it resentative from the Thirty-second dis- essential that somebody shall succeed England and the continent. This has trict of Pennsylvania, enjoys, with Rep- him who will be sure to continue them. given rise to an industry which is growresentatives Sulloway and James, the dis- But that is not his business. If he has ing in rapid strides every year. tinction of belonging to the tall timbers so impressed his policies upon the people apples are among the best in the world. of the House. Representative Barchfeld that they desire to have them continued and they command the best prices and represents a manufacturing district, and they will see to that. If they prefer to the readiest market of any apples see some modification of them, either in throughout the country. the way of more conservatism or greater radicalism, that is equally their right, They have in their political organizater from a dealer in an outlying district, tions their own advisers and councilors, and he turned it over to Dr. Barchfeld. leaders of their own choice, and they can be trusted to think and act for themselves as the result of popular agitation alrite, but for shy don't you send me no feet. I am loose to me my customers someting by no having de feet and dat's no very pleasure for me; wat is de matter in you, is not my trade moneys so good like determine their choice for his successfor. determine their choice for his successor. Now that the President has made it clear that he will under no circumstances be a candidate for re-election, it is his duty to make it equally clear that he has no candidate for the succession and will not use, or permit to be used,

the power intrusted to him for the service of the whole people to promote or support the candidacy of any man. There season varies in length, but extends well vesterday Representative Jay Ford Lan- is no greater abuse of official responsiof the people in selecting their delegates tion that has honored him for the ratifioutlay of cash, and everybody will be candidate is one of his own official advisers, identified with his administration and devoted to his policies, whatever they may be, the matter is made

Oklahoma's Race Problem.

From the Omaha Bee. Having passed a jim crow car bill, the Oklahoma legislature is in trouble again. The rich Indian's object to riding with the poor white trash and it may be neces- brought to Port La Prairie and there sary, in the interests of pea

Senator Tillman, threading the mazes of the financial situation, displays all the ceful agility of a prize steer in the

A BIRTHDAY SONG.

Tillman as a Financier.

From the Chicago News.

crockery department.

Out and away, my song!

The road is long.

The time is short;

For thou by break of day, my song.

Must reach that port;

Hie through the night;

Catch thee a star-beam for thy steed;

Saddle and curb it to thy need

With diamonded light!

Bind the whole heavens to its feet.

Then leap into thy seat.

And loose it for wide flight!

Joy be thy spur, and love thy whip.

For ere the moon hath bent to lave

Her pallid forchead in the wave;

Ere dawn rose-paints the mountain thy:

Ere ight lies liquid on the bay

And paleitant above;

There, where my heart is, must thou be

O song of mine, in lieu of me,

And graphy lay

And gently lay

Thy little rhymes, all silver sweet
With tender greetings, at the feet
Of one I lore
And shall love long.

Haste thee, oh, haste thee, then, my song!

Near is the day,
Out and away!

AT THE HOTELS.

"Pennsylvania is for Senator Knowlook President, and will support him as long as there is any chance of his being nomilarger number of consecutive terms than credit for letting it appear that the trans- nated. It will not be a mere complimentary vote. We mean to nominate him, and will do everything in our power to bring about this result."

This expresses the sentiment on the Presidential outlook of Representative Page, of the Erie district, Pennsylvania. Mr. Page said that the business interests tive. William R. King, fidence, avers that the fleet is sent to the all over the country have confidence in Mr. Knox, and that the rank and file will certainly support him, as it was due Vermont, each served be sent somewhere else to facilitate the six consecutive terms. construction of a third? After which, Northern Securities was not only made possible, but turned out a success.

It goes to teach the people everywhere the highest possible praise for these ac-"President Roosevelt paid Senator Know complishments in his Pittsburg and Harline, in its developing commercial rival-

"Business in Pennsylvania is very good, Our iron mills are busy, and the same applies to all other Pennsylvania industries. "Taft, Cannon, Fairbanks, Hughes; they but Knox is our man, and we are going to nominate him.'

Representative Barchfeld, of Pennsylvania, during a visit to Pittsburg, his home city, three days ago, is reported to have said that, if the people force the Presidential nomination on Theodore Roosevelt, he will accept it and again beannouncement to the contrary.

"President Roosevelt is an American," said Mr. Barchfeld, "and if the formal themselves well is the expectation and call is extended to him he is bound to accept. But don't forget that I am for

"We will have a short session of Conand spectacular test of national ability postal bank laws passed, and there will e rivers and harbors.

> Frank C. Wachter, a former Congressman of Maryland, who is well remembered by his infectious laugh, which, when put in operation in the House, coaxaround the Capitol and the hotel lobbies,

> night that this year's apple crop in Maine is the largest ever gathered in that State. "From the sale of these apples," said Mr. Wilkinson, "most of which go out of the State, the farmers who grew them will receive at the usual prices something like \$2,000,000.

> "The Maine apple is rapidly assuming tries and at home has shown a wonderful increase. Where barrels were consumed

> "The increasing demand has created a mand that to-day three-quarters of the

much to the fact that the old orchards are yielding an immense harvest, as that new orchards are coming into maturity Thousands and thousands of young trees are being planted every year for future harvests. Maine apple growers were for tunate this season. They escaped the cold country been up to the Maine crop, in quantity and quality, there would have been such a flood on foreign and domestic markets that the Maine product would have stood little show of being

sold at good prices. "The apples that are the favorites for shipment are the Baldwin and Spy, alvery early in the season, Greenings sell well, and late in the spring. Bet the spring, sometimes through

Gautier G. Brunot, of Montreal, who is "For several reasons," said he. "You to representative conventions or in interested in wholesale commission can find anything from a pen point to a choosing those who are to serve them as houses in Canada, is registered at the valuable ladies' purse. We are allowed President to say who his successor shall over the new Canadian line, Mr. Brunot legislators or elective officers. For the Arlington. Speaking of grain shipment said, yesterday

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier has lived to see the beginning of the realization of one coming down over the rails of Canada's second transcontinental road between Rae and Portage La Prairle, Manitoba The first freight schedule of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway applying to this portion of the new system has been approved by the railway commission, and s now in force. Mr. Drewer, the Winnipeg inspector for the commission, in a it report to the board on the completed part of the section, declares it one of the best pieces of new railway he ever saw, so far as the track-laying extends The grain moving over the new rails is taken by the Canadian Pacific or

'The road under operation is 130 miles long. The grading between Portage and Winnipeg is proceeding rapidly, and be tween Winnipeg and Saskatoon, 800 teams, with men in proportion, are at work. An official estimate of railroad construction in Canada this year places the mileage that will have been com pleted during the present year at 1,500 miles, and the additional mileage, besides actually under construction, at 3,011 The mileage completed have been much larger but for delays from a scarcity of structural iron and railway ties, the supply of the last named not only being inadequate to the requirements, but high in price. 'Annexed to the United States? Can-

'My dear man, what reasons are there to suggest this thought? Never. Our country, before many years, will be as owerful and populous as the United States. We are a prosperous people happy and contented; we are practically independent from England, and really do not wish to change our allegiance from one to the other. Yes: there was a feel. ing of that kind, some years ago, in isolated places, but that has died a natural Let me tell you there are many death. native-born Americans in Canada have setled down to do business and live